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MUSICAL TOUR TO FUND CANCER RESEARCH COMES TO MICHIGAN

(LANSING) – State Senator Martha G. Scott is proud to welcome to Michigan the "Yellow Umbrella Concert Tour," a musical tour of 22 cities across the country that seeks to educate and raise awareness on the causes of cervical cancer and Human Papillomavirus (HPV).

Every year in America, 12,200 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer, and 4,100 women die of the disease. This past August, Women in Government opened the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Cervical Cancer Policy Resource Center in Washington, D.C., to combat this highly preventable cancer through spreading awareness of the benefits of early detection. As part of this effort, legislators at the Mid-Western Conference of Women in Government agreed to join in and promote the Yellow Umbrella Tour.

"I am honored to serve as the Michigan Co-Chair of this important event to support cervical cancer research and bring hope to the thousands of women, particularly the underserved and disadvantaged, who are diagnosed with this serious condition each year," Sen. Scott said.

This weekend, the Yellow Umbrella Tour will come to Michigan, with a Saturday, October 23 performance at CLUB SODA in Kalamazoo (340 East Michigan Avenue), and a Sunday, October 24 performance at the MAGIC BAG in Ferndale (22920 Woodward Avenue at Nine Mile Road). All proceeds will support cervical cancer research. Performers are **K's Choice** and **The Skills of Ortega**, featuring cervical cancer survivor, and Yellow Umbrella Tour organizer, Christine Baze.

More information about cervical cancer and Women in Government's HPV & Cervical Cancer Policy Resource Center is available at the following links:

http://www.womeningovernment.org/faqcerv.html

http://www.ashastd.org/hpvccrc/index.html

http://www.womeningovernment.org/cerv.htm

Tickets may be purchased online at www.theyellowumbrellatour.com or at the door.